

BYLAWS  
MASTER HUNTER ADVISORY GROUP  
(Updated 03/31/08)

- Elected officers will include Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.
- Summary notes for each meeting will be taken and distributed.
- The Chair and Vice-Chair will each serve one-year terms. The Vice-Chair will normally succeed the Chair but must be approved by a majority of appointed Advisory Group members.
- The Secretary will serve a two-year term.
- Coincidental with the formation of the Advisory Group, all members will receive one-year appointments. After the first year of service, members may be re-appointed for staggered term lengths of one, two, or three-years. Subsequent appointments will then be for three-year terms.
- The Chair will determine the order of business at meetings. Robert's Rule of Order will be used as a guide.
- Advisory Group business will only be conducted if a quorum of appointed members is present (half of the appointed members plus one member). The preference for decision making will be by consensus. However, if a consensus cannot be achieved, majority vote of the quorum will form the basis of formal decisions and recommendations.
- Amendments to the Bylaws and Roles and Responsibilities must be approved by a majority of appointed Advisory Group members.
- All Advisory Group members must be Certified Master Hunters in good standing.
- By January 2010, membership will include at least two Master Hunter representatives per Region, and a maximum of 15 members in total.
- Meetings will be open to the general public.
- Standing Committees will include: 1) Peer Review (Committee to be established when deemed appropriate by the Department), and 2) Ways and Means. Leads for Standing Committees will be appointed by the Chair, and must be members of the Advisory Group.
- Temporary Committees may be established and terminated by the Chair, at any time. Temporary Committees may be lead by a Certified Master Hunter that is not an appointed member of the Advisory Group.
- Standing Committees and Temporary Committees have no standing or official authority to represent the Advisory Group as a body. All Committee Leads, except for the Peer Review Committee, must report back to the full Advisory Group where formal decisions and recommendations to the Department are subsequently approved.
- The Advisory Group, as a body, will not communicate with the Fish and Wildlife Commission, Director, Chief of Enforcement, or elected officials without providing advance notification to the Master Hunter Advisory Group Liaison, and the Master Hunter Program Coordinator.

- Formal testimony and interviews with the news media made on behalf of the Advisory Group, as a body, will not include personal opinions. The Master Hunter Advisory Group Liaison, and Master Hunter Program Coordinator will be briefed, in advance, of such communications..
- Meetings will be held in Ellensburg, unless weather conditions or other factors dictate an alternate location or the use of teleconference or phone conference technology.
- There will be a minimum of four Advisory Group business meetings held annually.
- The Chair and Master Hunter Advisory Group Liaison will jointly develop each meeting agenda and determine meeting dates.
- The Chair may recommend to the Department that appointed members be terminated if they a) are absent without excuse from two or more scheduled meetings in any 12 month period; b) violate the provisions and intent of Bylaws; c) are unable to fulfill their responsibilities as a member; d) have failed to meet obligations to which they have volunteered to perform or to which they have been assigned to perform; or e) have used abusive language and/or shown disrespect for other members, the Department, or the public.
- All scheduled Master Hunter Advisory Group meetings, Master Hunter Orientation meetings, Master Hunter Outreach and Information meetings, and Master Hunter Special Hunt Management meetings will be held at locations that provide reasonable accommodations to persons-of-disability.